

**District of Columbia
Annual Performance Report
Workforce Information Core Products and Services Grant
Program Year 2009**

Workforce Information Core Products and Services Grant funds were used to produce products and services under Statement of Work deliverables one (1) through six (6) as specified in Attachment III of Training and Employment Guidance Letter No. 31-08. Performance under each of the six deliverables for the program year 2009 is detailed below.

1) Continue to populate the Workforce Information Database (WIDb) with state and local data:

The Office of Labor Market Research and Information (OLMRI) currently have maintenance and support contract with Geographic Solutions Inc. for the District of Columbia's Virtual One-Stop Workforce Information Database (WIDb) Administrator Software and Analyzer Internet System. This activity is needed to meet the Workforce Information Core Products and Services Grant core requirements to continue to populate the WIDb with state and local data and to post workforce information on the Web for use by the workforce investment system, including partners, researchers, and allied agencies. The maintenance agreement with Geographic Solutions requires three major activities:

- a) The contractor provides WIDb Data Loader software used by OLMRI database administrator to load monthly, quarterly and annual labor market information data files into the District of Columbia WIDb. The files loaded into the WIDb include the District of Columbia (CES, LAUS, QCEW, industry and occupational projections, Census population and Income, BEA income, licensed occupations, and economic indicators); DC Washington Metro Area (CES, LAUS, QCEW, industry and occupational projections, and census population and income); District of Columbia Ward (LAUS); and Analyst Resource Center's Employer Database.
- b) The contractor provides ongoing maintenance for the WIDb Administrator Software.
- c) The contractor provides ongoing maintenance and updates to the DCNetworks Analyzer Internet System. This is an Internet based system designed for the display and analysis of information contained in the WIDb.

The web address for DC Analyzer Internet System is: <https://analyzer.dcnetworks.org/>.

The internet provides an opportunity for continuous consultation, evaluation, and feedback on various OLMRI products and services. Geographic Solutions is responsible to identify green occupations and tag high demand occupations. Geographic Solutions tracks the number of customer visits on the web site and contact email address is

provided to customers needing additional information. Feedback from customers indicates the importance of access to information and data through WIDb.

2) Produce and Disseminate Industry and Occupational Projections.

Using the methodology, software tools, and guidelines developed by the Projections Workgroup and the Projections Managing Partnership (PMP), OLMRI completed the District of Columbia's 2008 -2010 short-term industry and occupational projections and 2006 – 2016 long-term industry and occupational projections for the District of Columbia and 2006 – 2016 Washington Metropolitan Statistical Area. The 2006 -2016 District of Columbia and Washington MSA industry and occupational projections' data is made available to the public through the internet, publications, and special requests from researchers, educators, industry professionals, and workforce professionals. Projections and other OLMRI statistical data are posted on the internet at:

<http://www.does.dc.gov/does/cwp/view,a,1233,q,538345,doesNav,|32064|.asp>; and <https://analyzer.dcnetworks.org/>.

Through consultations with Workforce Investment Council (WIC), it was determined that industry and occupational projections should be made available to the public in a more user-friendly format. As a result, OLMRI has made available on the Department of Employment (DOES) web site, District of Columbia's 2006-2016 industry and occupational projections: high-growth industries; high-demand and high-growth occupations; occupations by career clusters as defined by U.S. Department of Education; and hot occupations in the District of Columbia.

3) Publish an Annual Economic Analysis Report

Due to unforeseen circumstances, the 2008 Annual Economic Report for the District of Columbia was delivered at the same time as the Annual Performance Report. OLMRI has also provided detailed economic analysis included in the Workforce Investment Act (WIA) two-year and five-year District of Columbia Strategic Plans.

4) Post Products, Information, and Reports on the Internet

During the 2008 program year, funds were used to post grant produced products, reports, and other workforce information on the Web to facilitate use by the workforce development community. Data in the WIDb is available electronically to the workforce investment community on the internet through DCNetworks Analyzer Internet System and the Virtual One-Stop (VOS) System: <https://analyzer.dcnetworks.org/>. Reports and other workforce information produced using grant funds are available on the District of Columbia, Department of Employment (DOES) webpage:

<http://www.does.dc.gov/does/cwp/view,a,1233,q,538345,doesNav,|32064|.asp>.

Workforce information and reports are posted to the web or made available in electronic format as they are released.

As a result of previous customer consultations and workforce development community, it was determined that data in the WIDb would be made available on the internet through DCNetworks Analyzer Internet System and the Virtual One-Stop (VOS) System.

5) Partner and Consult on a continuing Basis with Workforce Investment Boards.

The Workforce Information grant strongly encourages collaboration and partnering of various representatives of the workforce services systems in the District of Columbia. However, due to a staffing shortage at OLMRI such collaboration and partnering has not been utilized as efficiently as it should have. Despite the staffing shortage, OLMRI has always been ready and willing to work with various workforce services systems. OLMRI has always provided a detailed economic analysis included in the two-year and five-year Strategic Workforce Investment Plan for the WIA and Wagner Peyser Act. OLMRI expects the level of collaboration with workforce investments systems would greatly improve with additional staffing.

6) Conduct Special Studies and Economic Analysis.

During the grant period, OLMRI conducted various special studies at the request of individual researchers and local organizations. Most notable special projects included:

- a) Used GIS to map 2006Q3 to 2007Q2 QCEW data for Golden Triangle Business Improvement District. The project reveal that in the second quarter of 2007 GT private sector had over 4,000 establishments, employing over 77,000 workers, and generating over \$1.6 billion in total wages; which represented 12.4%, 17.1%, and 21.6% of total private sector, respectively.
- b) Used LAUS Technical Memorandum No. S-07-25 for Program Year 2008 Areas of Substantial Unemployment (ASU) under the Workforce Investment Act (WIA) for the determination of CARC-Targeted Areas of Employment (TEA) designation for the Office of Deputy Mayor for Planning and Economic Development. OLMRI applied ETA's ASU formulas under the WIA to prepare legal documentation for Radio One-Shaw in the Washington, DC Enterprise Zone to meet the required benchmark unemployment rate for contiguous census tract 48.01.
- c) Used GIS to analyze second quarter 2007 QCEW data for District's Ward 6.

General Recommendations for Improvement or Changes to the Deliverables

All the deliverables seem to serve the purpose of the grant well.